



School Reopening Phase-in Proposal Update

Board Meeting 11/19/20

The Academy of Alameda
Public Schools

Criteria for Reopening

1. Student and Staff Safety
 - a. Health and Safety Reopening Plan
 - b. County transmission rates remain low for a period of time
2. Quality of the Hybrid Instructional Plan
 - a. Effectively serve students in a blended environment
 - b. Effectively serve students who remain in a distance only environment
3. Staff Capacity/Sustainability of the Plan



Phase-in Plan Approach - Steps and Rationale

1. Phase in youngest students 1st
2. Phase in process should be slow and deliberate
3. Prior to phasing in grades meet with staff and families
4. Prior to phasing in grades, send out a survey to receive family input and feedback.



Rationale for New Reopening Phase-in Dates for Grades K-2

- Alameda County moved into the Orange Tier (Monderate) on October 13.
- For the past two weeks, numbers have been increasing steadily in the Bay Area including Alameda County (although much lower than most counties in CA).
- On November 12, the Health Officer from the Alameda County Office of Public Health issued a press release stating that:
 - There was day-over-day increases in the number of new cases reported
 - The daily COVID-19 case rate rose from 3.4 to 4.9
 - Due to the increases, the Alameda County Health Officer expects Alameda County to move to the Red Tier (Substantial) and possibly to the Purple Tier if the trend continues.
 - They were concerned that numbers would continue to increase as a result of holiday travel and more indoor gatherings
- **As a result, I recommend to AoA's Board of Directors that we delay our phase-in to onsite learning for Grades K-2.**

Recommended Learning Environments Grades K-8

The Executive Director recommends to AoA's Board of Directors that:

We begin to phase in onsite learning (blended learning environment) for the following grades:

- Kindergarten to resume onsite learning in a blended environment on Monday, January 25.
- 1st grade grade to resume onsite learning in a blended learning environment on February 1
- 2nd grade grade to resume onsite learning in a blended learning environment on February 8

We continue in a distance learning environment for the following grades:

- Grade 3-5 to continue in distance learning only environment through at least February 19. A recommendation will be made to the Board for grades 3-5 at the January 14 Board meeting regarding possible reopening plans after February 19..
- Middle school students would continue in distance learning only environment through at least February 19. A recommendation will be made to the Board for grades 6-8 at the January 14 Board meeting regarding possible reopening plans after February 19.

